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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were higher in the West with a fully steady market tone; elsewhere, trade sentiment was mostly steady at unchanged prices. Retail and food service demand following Easter weekend was light to moderate, fairly good into restaurants and fast food. Supplies were overall sufficient for trade needs. Processing schedules were mixed with some plants closed today in observance of the holiday. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair. Breast items were in balance, wings were adequate, and dark meat was readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

Final report Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 4/12/04-04/16/04 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
	Delivered to First Receivers				
Bos/New Eng	72.00-74.00	73.33	15	68.90	59
Chicago	71.00-74.00	73.87	41	76.65	76
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	75.66	25
Denver	79.50	79.33	15	79.96	18
Detroit	72.00-75.00	74.91	11	76.08	45
Los Angeles	80.00	79.68	62	77.33	151
New York	75.00-77.00	76.42	24	75.88	50
Philadelphia	75.50-77.00	75.82	11	74.63	23
Pittsburgh	76.00-78.00	76.63	12	76.28	57
St. Louis	73.25-73.50	72.96	21	71.99	47
San Francisco	80.50	80.81	32	85.15	65
Composite Weighted Average					
Loads	04/12/04	Change/Last Wk	04/05/04	04/14/03	
616	76.00	-0.96	76.96	57.87	

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
East	77.00-79.00	77.84	32
Central	72.50-80.00	78.27	70
West	81.00-85.00	73.59	42

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	74.50-76.50	75.36	84
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,107	69.00-77.00	73.32

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	256.50	1,431
BREASTS - B/S	227.50	5,651
BREASTS - WHOLE	123.00	1,965
THIGH MEAT - B/S	111.50	1,068
LEG QUARTERS	34.50	8,277
WINGS	130.00	2,987

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was cautious and unaggressive entering the week as dealers assessed the market. Offerings of the 3 pound and lighter birds were adequate to balanced. The heavier weights were adequate to available. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items were generally adequate. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate and wings were sufficient.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mixed, but at least steady following the holiday weekend. Demand was light to moderate, but most were assessing needs and monitoring further developments. Supplies were in good balance for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate. Breast items were balanced to close, dark meat was readily available, and wings were sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices 1 cent higher throughout the region when compared to last Mondays' levels. Offerings started the week in fairly good balance. Buying activity moderate with increased interest noted where features planned to break later in the week. Retailer demand improved. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. Reported trading activity on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarters 35.5-37.5 bulk and 4/10s mainly 37.5, breast bone-in 121- 131 and boneless 210-227, wings 126-127. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was down .03 to 83.67 and the volume reported at 29 loads 7 percent more than last Monday.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices were unchanged from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone steady to fully steady. Buyer interest and offerings were light. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate overall; fairly good into restaurants and fast food. Floor stocks adequate. Weights mostly desirable, at times heavy. Offerings of leg items adequate to fully adequate; breast items were in balance. Market tone was steady to barely steady on wings, steady to firm on breast items and barely steady to weak on dark meat items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally light entering the week and generally unaggressive. Seller offerings were at least adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processings schedules were very light with some plants closed in observance of the Religious Holiday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 76 to 87 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, supplies were generally sufficient.

***BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.**

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	70-91
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	82.27
NO. OF BOXES	2,894

*4 of 7 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was cautious and selective entering the week as dealers attempted to assess the market. Offerings of breast items were generally sufficient for current needs. Dark meat items were adequate to fully adequate. Wings were adequate. Retail and distributive draw was about fair. The market tone was mostly steady.

ICE-PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		220	214.61	416,253
TENDERLOINS		235	230.55	53,520
BREAST - WITH RIBS	114-115		119.20	65,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	114		115.38	79,640
LEGS	42-43		42.19	200,960
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	33-34		32.56	172,150
DRUMSTICKS	31-32		39.02	119,960
THIGHS	42-43		46.08	48,040
B/S THIGHS	110-111		107.95	31,880
WINGS (WHOLE)	116-117		121.45	93,440
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		11.94	13,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40		27.55	17,960
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60		59.16	17,960

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,893	163.00-265.00	209-215	214.52
TENDERLOINS	243	220.00-251.00	220-230	226.96
BREAST - WITH RIBS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
FRONT HALVES		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	974	29.00-33.00	29-31	30.99
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,736	33.00-35.00	33-34	33.30
WINGS (WHOLE)		NO TRADING REPORTED		
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
THIGHS	1,172	31.00-43.00	36-40	39.45

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)
FOR MONDAY 08-Mar-04**

	ESTIMATE 1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS 04/08	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS 04/05
	04/12	04/08	04/08	04/05	04/01
ALA	3,856	3,857	5.22	3,644	5.22
ARK	5,354	5,130	4.95	5,176	4.92
DELMARVA	1,067	2,180	5.51	2,179	5.49
KY-LA-TN	1,885	1,982	5.01	1,748	4.89
MISS	3,059	2,979	5.46	3,068	5.38
NC	1,893	2,399	6.28	2,319	6.30
TEXAS	2,238	2,332	4.97	2,330	5.02
TOTAL	19,352	20,859	5.29	20,464	5.26
MON	19,352 (A)			20,464 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 12-Apr 2004 is estimated to be 28,953,000 down 5.72 percent from a week ago and down 4.50 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,708,000 last year 30,317,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	882	212.00-296.00	215-218	216.57
TENDERLOINS	251	226.00-278.00	230-237	237.27
BREAST - LINE RUN	103	116.00-127.00	116-118	118.39
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	113	38.00-56.00	38-40	40.69
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	555	30.00-33.00	30-31	30.77
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	940	31.00-38.00	33-35	33.51
WINGS (WHOLE)	307	120.00-134.00	124-126	124.27
WINGS (CUT)	378	135.00-142.00	137-139	139.35
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	102	103.00-118.00	-	111.53

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR APRIL 12, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

	TODAY'S RANGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
	69.00 - 74.00	71.33
		71.49

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 12-APR-2004 TO 16-APR-2004, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	210.00 - 227.00	210.00 - 220.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	111.00 - 130.00	115.00 - 118.00
LEGS	33.00 - 50.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31.00 - 36.00	33.00 - 34.00
DRUMSTICKS	28.00 - 43.00	-
THIGHS	45.00 - 53.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	117.00 - 134.00	122.00 - 124.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 41.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 45.00	-

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	91.5
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	94.5-98.5

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

585-600

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

(L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	93-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	95-105
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	71-81

DUCKS

RABBITS-WHOLE

RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	105
	DRY PACK	105-114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	105-107
	DRY PACK	107-109
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	88-93
	DRY PACK	93-95
DUCKS		162-185

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

09-APR-2004

CHICKEN

—— PRICES ——
(Cents per Pound)

FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED —— PRICES ——
(Cents per Pound)

FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	13.50-16.25	-	1,180,000	780,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.21			
15-20%				
RANGE	15.50-19.00	12.00-13.00	1,304,800	624,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.13	12.59		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE		12.00-16.00	320,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		15.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to week earlier. Demand was moderate for offerings that were generally adequate. Processing schedules were less than normal to normal. Supplies of finished product were well cleared. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 12-APR-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-10.5	8.75-9.5	9.12
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

09-APR-2004

CHICKEN

—— PRICES ——
(Cents per Pound)

FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED —— PRICES ——
(Cents per Pound)

FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.00	13.00-15.00	81,600	-
WTD AVERAGE	18.00	14.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.75-17.00	11.00-15.00	1,926,800	846,400
WTD AVERAGE	14.07	13.14		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were moderate. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 12-APR-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-12	9-9.75	9.55

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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